Minutes

OF THE

One Hundred Thirtieth

Annual Session

OF THE

Original Bear Creek

Primitive Baptist Association

HELD WITH

Mountain Creek Church

STANLEY COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
SEPTEMBER 14, 15, AND 16,

1962

Next session convenes with Lawyers Spring Church, located Peachland, Anson County, N. C., Friday before the third Sunday in September, 1963.

OFFICERS

ELDER C. M. MILLS ..... Moderator
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Proceedings

OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTIETH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE ORIGINAL BEAR CREEK PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

FRIDAY—September 14, 1962

The Association met with Mountain Creek Primitive Baptist Church, Stanley County, North Carolina, Friday, September 14, 1962, and continued through Saturday and Sunday following. Ministers, Messengers, Brethren and Sisters assembled in the house about 10:00 A. M., and engaged in songs of praise. Elder D. B. Willard, Rt. 6, Winston Salem, N. C., led in prayer, after which Elder C. M. Mills, pastor of Mountain Creek Church, delivered the introductory sermon, using as his text 1 Cor. 11:1-2.

About one hour was taken for refreshments, after which the association convened in the house. After a few songs of praise, Elder Joe Hildreth, Atlanta, Ga., led in prayer, and the association proceeded to business as follows:

Elder C. M. Mills, pastor of Mountain Creek Church served as Moderator, Brother Joe Edwards, Assistant Clerk of Mountain Creek Church served as Clerk, and called Brother Oren Baucom as Assistant Clerk.

1. Extended invitation to all orderly Primitive Baptists who are in good standing with their home churches to seats with us. All present seated.

2. Called for letters of representation from sister churches composing the association, which were handed in, read, and their status noted:

Mountain Creek: Represented by full membership.

Lawyers Spring: Brethren Grant Sikes, Graydon Helms, Elder Joe C. Helms, and Brother Truby High.

High Point: Brethren Colan Auman, Raymond Clark, Worth Motsinger, and Garnet Willard.

Meadow Creek: Brethren A. F. Almond, V. E. Hatley, Claud Hathcock, and Fred Eudy.

Watson: Brethren Preston Helms, S. C. Helms, W. B. Simpson, and Douglas Williams.

Pleasant Hill: Brethren Leslie Auman, Raymond Lucas, Elsie Auman, and Rankin Richardson.

Park View: Brethren Vernon Lanten, Thurman Smith, Athel

Smith, and Paul Tucker.

Liberty Hill: Brethren Carl Efird, Hobard Medlin, Fletcher Smith, and Oscar Burris.

Pleasant Grove: Brethren A. P. Mullis, L. D. Mullis, Carl Griffin, and James Mills.

Union Grove: Brethren Conley Baucom, R. C. Austin, Eugene Barbee, and Glen Brooks.

Bethel: Brethren A. D. McLamb, W. C. Mintz, Marsden Benton, and J. R. Mintz.

Union: Brethren T. B. Polk, Lee Robinson, W. R. Coley, and V. H. Solomon.

Corinth: Brethren Marvin Styers, Boyce Sprouse, and Walter Peterson.

Mills Chapel: Brethren Buren Williams, Monroe McClendon, Claud Horne, and Warren Griffin.

Oak Grove: Brethren J. H. Gaddy, Lester Adams, and Jesse Tarlton.

Herrins Grove: Brethren J. L. Lewis, C. M. Herrin, W. B. Hatley, and D. M. Harkey.

3. Called for petitionary letters: None presented.

4. The Moderator was authorized to appoint committees on preaching and finance. On preaching: Elder H. L. Poplin, Brethren Frank Medlin, Graydon Helms, Rankin Richardson, and C. C. Furr.

On finance: Brethren Charlie Vanhoy, C. C. Willard, Melvin Mills, Fred Eudy, and Carl Haigler.

5. Called for presbyteries to report: In response to a call from Union Grove Church, the following Elders and Deacons formed into a presbytery August 10, 1962, and ordained Brethren Oren Baucom and Carl Haigler to the office of deacon. Elders V. V. Willard, C. M. Mills, Brooklyn Willard, Homer Poplin, Hoyle Simpson, Brice Haigler, and Joe Helms. Deacons T. E. Ragen, T. B. Curlee, Earl Pressley, Leonard Baucom, W. S. Medlin, Max Stewart, Claud Parnell, Athel Smith, C. C. Willard, Howard Edwards, Melvin Mills, Jack Moyle, F. P. Eudy, Winfred Simpson, N. D. Hathcock, C. C. Furr, S. H. Edwards, A. E. Broome, Orlin Stewart, C. W. Griffin, Graydon Helms, Bunyon Whitley, Frank Medlin, and Lloyd Outen.

6. Invited visitors from corresponding association to seats with us:

Silver Creek: Elder H. C. McMillon, Brother Gene F. Watson and wife, and Brother Sam Hartley.

Little River of North Carolina: Elder Henry Byrd, Elder J. S. Collins, Brother Milton Byrd and wife, Brother Seba Clifton and wife, Sister Bertha Coats, Brethren Freddie Giles, J. D. Stancil and others.

Original Towaliga: Elder Joe F. Hildreth, Brother Roy Spier and wife, and Sister Virginia Huffman.

Little River of Georgia: Brother C. A. Delong and wife, and Brother Carl Delong and wife.

Friendship of Georgia: Elder J. A. Monsees, Elder C. L. Ratcliff and wife, Brother Harvey Davis, and Sister Beulah Corbitt.

Tennessee and Nolachucky: Not represented.

Powell's Valley: Elder David Hembree, Brethren Floyd Melton, Luther Coward, and Joe Bowling.

Mt. Zion of Alabama: Elder A. B. Hall and wife, Sister Becky Hall, and Elder O. C. Odem.

7. Invited visiting brethren and sisters from associations and churches with whom we do not carry formal correspondence.

New River Association of Virginia: Elder L. J. Corns, Elder J. D. Hopkins, Elder O. A. Harris, and Brother F. C. Stone.

Little Hope Association of Texas: Elder W. J. Blackmon and wife.

Mississippi River Association: Elder Wiley Sammons, Brethren Bobby and William Sammons.

Echeconnee Association: Elder C. E. Darity.

Pine Church: Brother C. E. Gallimore.

North View Church: Elder Coy Mabe and others.

Martinsville Church: Brother N. L. Wilson and wife, Brother Andrew Ashby and wife.

New Hope Church: Brother M. C. Campbell and wife, and Sister Eugenia Campbell.

8. Appoint messengers to visit corresponding associations as follows:

Silver Creek: Elder P. H. Young, Brethren Carl Haigler and Oren Baucom.

Little River of North Carolina: Elder Brice C. Haigler, Elder D. B. Willard, Elder V. V. Williard, Brethren Lloyd Outen, Carl Haigler, and Oren Baucom.

Original Towaliga: Elder Joe C. Helms, Elder C. M. Mills, and Brother Lloyd Outen.

Little River of Georgia: Elder V. V. Willard, Elder Joe C. Helms, and Brother W. B. Simpson.

Friendship of Georgia: Elder D. B. Willard, Brethren Roy Hardy, and T. B. Curlee.

Tennessee and Nolachucky: Elder V. V. Willard, Brethren Carl Haigler, Lloyd Outen, Hobart Medlin, and A. P. Mullis.

Powell's Valley: Elder E. H. Simpson.

Mt. Zion of Alabama: Elder C. M. Mills, Elder Joe C. Helms, and Brother Hobart Medlin.

9. On motion unanimously agreed to continue correspondence with all churches and associations with whom we now correspond.

10. Elder Brice C. Haigler was unanimously appointed to write the corresponding letter to be printed in the minutes of this session of the association.

11. Unanimously agreed to adjourn until Saturday morning at 9:00 o'clock.

Benediction by Elder J. A. Monsees, Ellenwood, Ga.

SATURDAY—September 15, 1962

Pursuant to adjournment, the association met in the house at 9:00 o'clock A. M..

After engaging in songs of praise, Elder Wiley Sammons, Colliersville, Tennessee, led in prayer, and the association continued with business as follows:

12. Called on Finance Committee to report:

Handed in by churches	$904.00	$904.00

13. On motion agreed to distribute minutes as usual.

14. Called for corresponding letter which was read and adopted.

15. Extended invitation for churches of the association to call for fifth Sunday meetings:

September 1962: High Hill, Union County, N. C.

December 1962: Meadow Creek, Stanley County, N. C.

March 1963: Pleasant Hill. Randolph County, N. C.

June 1963, Bethel, Shalotte, N. C.

16. On motion it was unanimously agreed to hold the 1963 session of the association with the church at Lawyers Spring, Anson County, North Carolina, beginning on Friday before the third Sunday in September and continuing through Sunday following, and that the pastor of Lawyers Spring Church preach the introductory sermon.

17. On motion it was unanimously agreed that we have 1300 copies of this minutes printed and distributed to the churches and associations as usual, and that Brother Oren Baucom superintend the printing and distribution, and that he be allowed $150.00 for printing, mailing, and clerk service.

18. On motion agreed unanimously to distribute all funds above that allowed in item 17 to ministers present, and any other the finance committee may deem proper.

19. It was unanimously agreed by standing vote that we return thanks to God for His mercy, and to the members and friends of Mountain Creek Church, and community for help in every way during this meeting. Also, to the New London School and principal, Mr. J. F. Turner, for the use of the school building.

20. Unanimously agreed to adjourn to time and place mentioned above.

Benediction by Elder Coy Mabe, Danberry, N. C.

ELDER C. M. MILLS, Moderator
BROTHER JOE EDWARDS, Clerk
BRO. OREN BAUCOM, Ass't Clerk

FINANCIAL REPORT

Received from churches	$904.00	$904.00
Expenditures:		
Printing, Mailing and Clerk Service	$150.00	
Distributed to Ministers	709.00	
Miscellaneous Associational Expenses	45.00	$904.00

ORDER OF PREACHING

Friday A. M.:
Elder C. M. Mills, 1 Cor. 11:1-2

Friday P. M.:
Elder L. J. Corns, failed to get text

Friday Night (Union Grove):
Elder Joe Hildreth, Heb. 2:9

Friday Night (Herrins Grove):
Elder J. D. Hopkins, Rev. 22:12
Elder H. C. McMillon, Psa. 78:5; Isa. 6:10

Saturday A. M.:
Elder J. A. Monsees, 1 Sam. 20:1-20
Elder Joe Hildreth, Rom. 3:20-30
Elder H. C. McMillon, Rev. 1:18

Saturday P. M.:
Elder Henry Byrd, John 14:1
Elder Coy Mabe, 2 Tim. 2:11
Elder W. J. Blackmon, Rev. 21:9

Saturday Night (Lawyers Spring):
Elder J. S. Collins, Heb. 6:17-19
Elder Wiley Sammons, John 13:25

Saturday Night (Mountain Creek):
Elder C. E. Darity, Rom. 6:3-16
Elder O. C. Odem, 2 Chronicles 7:12-14

Sunday A. M.:
Elder A. B. Hall, Rom. 12:1-21
Elder Wiley Sammons, Acts 20:35; Rom. 9:16
Elder O. A. Harris, "I Counsel Thee"—Rev. 3:18

Sunday P. M.:
Elder C. E. Darity, Eccl. 7:16-17
Elder David Hembree, Rom. 10:1-6

HOME MINISTERS

Elder C. M. Mills, 3130 Central Ave., Charlotte, N. C.
Elder V. V. Willard, Rt. 2, High Point, N. C.
Elder D. B. Willard, Rt. 6, Winston-Salem, N. C.
Elder E. H. Simpson, Rt. 4, Concord, N. C.
Elder H. L. Poplin, Route 2, Albemarles, N. C.
Elder P. H. Young, Rt. 1, Linwood, N. C.
Elder Brice C. Haigler, Rt. 3, Monroe, N. C.
Elder Joe C. Helms, Peachland, N. C.
Licentiate Harlan J. Price, Rt. 2, Monroe, N. C.
Licentiate F. C. Willard, 2437 Marble St., Winston-Salem, N. C.

VISITING MINISTERS

Elder J. A. Monsees, Box 35, Ellenwood, Ga.
Elder C. L. Ratcliff, Rt. 3, Monroe, N. C.
Elder H. C. McMillon, Rt. 1, Box 462, Lenoir, N. C.
Elder O. C. Odem 125, Walker Dr., Attalla, Ala.
Elder W. J. Blackmon, Rt. 2, Logansport, La.
Elder Henry Byrd, Box 284, Benson, N. C.
Elder Wiley Sammons Colliersville, Tenn.
Elder J. S. Collins, Rt. 1, Angier, N. C.
Elder C. E. Darity, Bloomfield Dr., Macon, Ga.
Elder J. D. Hopkins, 415 Edgewood Dr., Danville, Va.
Elder L. J. Corns, Patrick Springs, Va.
Elder Joe Hildreth, 1998 Sandtown Rd. S. W., Atlanta 11, Ga.
Elder A. B. Hall, Rt. 3, Arab, Ala.
Elder Coy Mabe, Danberry, N. C.
Elder David Hembree, Rt. 2, Powell, Tenn.
Elder O. A. Harris, Rt. 4, Stuart, Va.

CORRESPONDING LETTER

To the messengers, churches, and all the brethren composing the Original Bear Creek Association, and corresponding associations. Greetings:

God in His tender mercy, love, and compassion has blessed us to assemble together in an associational capacity. We hope and trust that we are thankful that His unseen and bountiful hand has cared for us this past year. He has blessed our churches with many good meetings, but our hearts have been saddened with the passing of fathers and mothers in Israel. We are grateful for the peace and prosperity that has reigned in the past years. We hope and pray to the eternal and everlasting God that this will continue in the future.

We are satisfied with the Bible truths that have been held to and contended for in the past and up until the present time. We have no intentions of adding to or leaving off.

We appreciate our visitors more than words can express. Your correspondence in love means strength and unity in Zion.

Watch, work, and pray that this will continue until we are carried to that home of rest.

Submitted in love,

—Elder Brice C. Haigler

IN MEMORIAM

It is with sadness and grief that we pause in solemn tribute to our dear members who have passed away since our last association.

Even though our hearts are grieved now, we rejoice in the glorious hope that there is an eternal city not made with hands beyond this life, where we will ever be with the Lord, where there will be no sadness and no more farewells.

"O'er death's sea in yon blest city,
There's a home for you and me,
Purchased with a price most costly,
'Twas the blood of Calvary."

High Point: Sister Alma Joyel, Brother James Reed, Sister Myrtle Crouch

Meadow Creek: Sister G. F. Almond

Pleasant Hill: Brother Barnie Maness

Lawyers Spring: Brother A. P. Horne

Mills Chapel: Sister Velma Zenoma Fulham

Liberty Hill: Brother Fred Lee Honeycutt

High Hill: Sister Odessa Griffin

Union Grove: Brother J. Moses Little, Brother Edmund Outen, Sister Pearl Stenett, Sister Dollie Baucom, Brother George Taylor

Mountain Creek: Brother Lock Vanhoy

Pleasant Grove: Sister Ida Mills, Sister Louise Coffey, Sister Belle Griffin, Brother Adam Tarlton

CLERK'S NOTE

God in His tender love and mercy has blessed us with another good meeting. At the close of the meeting, a precious sister came asking for a home in the church. She stated that she had had a hope for twenty-five years.

The next session of the association will be at Lawyers Spring Church, located in the town of Peachland, Anson County, North Carolina, just off U. S. Highway 74. Exit the highway just west of the underpass, and follow signs.

CHURCHES, MEETING TIME, MINISTERS

Union Grove: 2nd Sunday A. M., Saturday Night ..... Pastor
4th Sunday Night ..... Minister by Invitation

Mountain Creek: 3rd Sunday A. M., Saturday Night ..... Pastor

Lawyers Spring: 1st Sunday A. M., Saturday P. M. ..... Pastor
3rd Sunday P. M. ..... Elder Joe C. Helms

High Point: 4th Sunday A. M., Saturday night ..... Pastor
2nd Sunday night ..... Pastor

Meadow Creek: 1st Sunday A. M., Saturday P. M. ..... Pastor

Watson: 4th Sunday A. M., Saturday P. M. ..... Pastor
2nd Sunday night ..... Elder Brice C. Haigler

Pleasant Hill: 3rd Sunday A. M., Saturday P. M. ..... Pastor
4th Sunday night ..... Pastor

High Hill: 1st Sunday P. M., Saturday night ..... Pastor
3rd Sunday A. M. ..... Elder Brice C. Haigler

Park View: 3rd Sunday A. M., Saturday night ..... Pastor
1st Sunday night ..... Pastor

Liberty Hill: 1st Sunday P. M., Saturday night ..... Pastor

Pleasant Grove: 2nd Sunday P. M., Saturday P. M. ..... Pastor

Bethel: 4th Sunday A. M., Saturday P. M. and night ..... Pastor
2nd Sunday A. M., Saturday night ..... Elders
E. H. Simpson and H. L. Poplin (alternating)

Union: 1st Sunday A. M., Saturday night ..... Pastor
3rd Sunday P. M. ..... Pastor

Corinth: 3rd Sunday A. M. ..... Pastor
1st Sunday P. M. ..... Pastor

Mills Chapel: 2nd Sunday A. M., Saturday night ..... Pastor
4th Sunday A. M. ..... Elder E. H. Simpson

Oak Grove: 4th Sunday A. M., Saturday night ..... Pastor
2nd Sunday P. M. ..... Pastor

Herrins Grove: 4th Sunday P. M., Saturday night ..... Pastor

(On Communion Sundays, all churches meet at 10:00 A. M.)
(See Statistical Table for Communion times.)

ARTICLES OF FAITH

Article 1. We believe in one living and true God, the Father, the Word and the Holy Ghost.

Article 2. We believe in the man Jesus being the first of all God's creation and the pattern of all God's perfection in nature, grace and glory, and in relative union with the Divine Word, and thus united with the whole Trinity.

Article 3. We believe that the scripture of the Old and New Testaments contain the only written, revealed word of God and the perfect rule of faith and practice for God's Church in her militant state while here on earth.

Article 4. We believe in the doctrine of election; that God chose His Church in Christ Jesus before the world began.

Article 5. We believe in all mankind's apostacy by transgression in Adam, the federal head.

Article 6. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.

Article 7. We believe in the impotency of man to recover himself from his fallen state by his own free will and ability.

Article 8. We believe that sinners are justified freely by grace and before God by faith in Christ and His righteousness only.

Article 9. We believe that God's elect or Church shall be called, converted, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit in due time.

Article 10. We believe that the saints shall persevere in grace and never really fall away.

Article 11. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Christ's appointment, and that believers alone are the subjects of baptism and the only proper communicants of the Supper; that the mode of baptism is immersion, and that neither of the ordinances is to be altered or changed by the inventions or opinions of men. We believe in feet washing as taught by our Savior in St. John 13:4-17.

Article 12. We believe that no man, as a minister, has any right to the administration of any of the ordinances of the gospel except such as are sound in the faith of the gospel, regularly baptized, called of God and have come under the imposition of hands by a regular presbytery.

Article 13. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, both the just and the unjust, and a general judgment.

Article 14. We believe that the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting and the joys of the righteous eternal.

RULES GOVERNING THE ORIGINAL BEAR CREEK PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

1. We understand that at whatever church this Association is being held, that it is being held solely under the authority of that church, just as any other regular or monthly conference.

2. That the officers and suffrages of that church shall be the officers and voice of the Association, except as that church may deem prudent to request any member of another church to assist in the business transactions of the Association.

3. This Association shall have no authority to pass upon any question of a disciplinary nature except it has been passed upon by the local churches composing this Association; then the work of the churches shall be recognized by the Association.

4. Any member who endeavors to bring in or inject a disciplinary question that involves fellowship, before it has been passed upon by the local churches, shall be considered out of order by the church with which the Association is being held, and by the messengers present from the sister churches.

5. The Association shall be conducted for no purpose other than song, prayer, and preaching services, and no business shall be transacted by the Association except that which is necessary or sets forth the status of each church composing this body in the form of a minute.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	PASTORS	CLERKS AND ADDRESSES	Communion Sun.	Rec'd by Baptism	Rec'd by Relation	Rec'd by Letter	Restored to Fel.	Dis'd by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Tot. Membership	Contributions
Lawyers Spring ..	Eld. V.V. Willard	Tommy Horne, Peachland, N. C.	1 Aug.	....	....	....	....	....	1	1	85	$65.00
			4 May									
High Point	Eld. V.V. Willard	H. M. Willard, Rt. 5, Winston-Salem, N. C.	4 Aug.	3	....	....	....	....	1	3	136	100.00
Meadow Creek	Eld. C. M. Mills ..	Fred P. Eudy, Rt. 1, Mt. Pleasant, N. C.	1 June	6	....	....	....	....	....	1	69	68.00
	Eld. E.H. Simpson											
Watson	Eld. C. M. Mills ..	Preston L. Helms, Rt. 3, Marshville, N. C. ..	4 May	2	....	....	....	2	....	....	43	43.00
Pleasant Hill	Eld. V.V. Willard	G. L. Auman, Rt. 1, Star, N. C.	3 June	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	45	48.00
High Hill	Eld. V.V. Willard	M. C. Mills, Rt. 2, Monroe, N. C.	1 Sept.	2	....	1	....	....	....	1	67	50.00
		C. L. Parnell, 4244 Glen Hi Road,										
Park View	Eld. D.B. Willard	Winston-Salem, N. C.	3 May	....	2	....	1	1	....	....	47	50.00
Liberty Hill	Eld. C. M. Mills ..	Ellis Honeycutt, Rt. 1, Oakboro, N. C.	1 July	1	1	....	....	....	....	1	101	50.00
Pleasant Grove ..	Eld. C. M. Mills ..	Melvin Mills, Rt. 3, Marshville, N. C.	2 July	3	....	....	....	....	2	4	61	64.00
		Oren N. Baucom, 4133 Seaforth Dr.,										
Union Grove	Eld. C. M. Mills ..	Charlotte, N. C.	2 Aug.	12	....	2	....	2	1	5	156	150.00
Mountain Creek ..	Eld. C. M. Mills ..	A. C. Medlin, Rt. 2, Albemarle, N. C.	3 July	7	....	1	....	....	....	1	58	58.00
Bethel	Eld. D.B. Willard	M. D. Anderson, Shalotte, N. C.	5 June	5	....	....	....	....	....	....	66	35.00
Union	Eld. E.H. Simpson	V. H. Solomon, Rt. 2, Bx 302, Gastonia, N.C.	1 May	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	38	40.00
		Walter Peterson, 5700 Parkdale Circle,										
Corinth	Eld. E.H. Simpson	Kings Mountain, N. C.	3 May	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	15	10.00
		Warren Griffin, 309 Caldwell St.,										
Mills Chapel	Eld. D.B. Willard	Kannapolis, N. C.	2 June	4	....	....	....	....	2	1	50	40.00
Oak Grove	Eld. H. L. Poplin	Gertrude Griggs, Rt. 1, Chesterfield, S. C. ..	4 July	3	....	....	....	2	....	....	12	8.00
Herrins Grove	Eld. C. M. Mills ..	J. L. Lewis, Rt. 1, Mt. Pleasant, N. C.	4 June	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	18	25.00
			Totals	50	3	4	1	7	7	19	1067	904.00